

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3019

Introduced by

Representatives Drovdal, Rennerfeldt, Warner

Senators Lyson, Nichols

1 A concurrent resolution urging that if Congress transfers federal lands around Lake Sakakawea
2 and Lake Oahe to the Three Affiliated Tribes and the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, that
3 individuals who have invested resources in developing the recreational facilities around Lake
4 Sakakawea and Lake Oahe be guaranteed access to those facilities and that other excess
5 federal lands acquired for the Pick-Sloan Project be returned to their original owners.

6 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Water Resources Development Act of 1999, the Secretary
7 of the Interior was directed to transfer to the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks of the state
8 of South Dakota land located above the top of the exclusive flood pool of the Oahe, Big Bend,
9 Fort Randall, and Gavin's Point Projects of the Pick-Sloan Missouri River Basin program,
10 acquired by the Secretary of the Interior for the implementation of the Pick-Sloan Missouri River
11 Basin program, located outside the external boundaries of a reservation of an Indian tribe, and
12 located within the state of South Dakota; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the Water Resources Development Act of 2000 directed the Secretary of
14 the Army to transfer to the Secretary of the Interior land located above the top of the exclusive
15 flood pool of the Big Bend and Oahe Projects of the Pick-Sloan Missouri River Basin program
16 acquired by the Secretary of the Army for the implementation of the Pick-Sloan Missouri River
17 Basin program and located within the external boundaries of the reservation of the Sheyenne
18 River Sioux Tribe and the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe for the use of the Indian tribes in perpetuity;

19 **WHEREAS**, if similar legislation is proposed and enacted for federal lands around Lake
20 Sakakawea and Lake Oahe in North Dakota, the Congress should ensure that individuals who
21 have invested resources in developing the recreational facilities around Lake Sakakawea and
22 Lake Oahe are guaranteed access to those facilities; and

23 **WHEREAS**, if federal lands around Lake Sakakawea and Lake Oahe are returned to
24 the Three Affiliated Tribes and the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, other excess lands should be
25 returned to their original owners on the same conditions as they are returned to the tribes;

1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**
2 **OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:**

3 That the Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States
4 that if Congress transfers federal lands around Lake Sakakawea and Lake Oahe to the Three
5 Affiliated Tribes and the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, that individuals who have invested
6 resources in developing the recreational facilities around Lake Sakakawea and Lake Oahe be
7 guaranteed access to those facilities and that other excess federal lands acquired for the
8 Pick-Sloan Project be returned to their original owners; and

9 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this
10 resolution to the Secretary of the Interior, Secretary of the Army, and to each member of the
11 North Dakota Congressional Delegation.